

authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirements of the coastwise trade laws to allow the carriage of no more than twelve passengers for hire on vessels, which are three years old or more. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 17, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2020-0096 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2020-0096 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is: U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD-2020-0096, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Note: If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, see the section entitled Public Participation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bianca Carr, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23-453, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-9309, Email Bianca.carr@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel VISION is:

- Intended commercial use of vessel: “Day and overnight sailing charters for education and vacations”
- Geographic region including base of operations: “California” (Base of Operations: Hyatt Regency Spa and Marina, Mission Bay, San Diego, California)
- Vessel length and type: 48’ sailing vessel

The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD-2020-0096 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter’s interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in section 388.4 of MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

Public Participation

How do I submit comments?

Please submit your comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled **ADDRESSES**. Be advised that it may take a few hours or even days for your comment to be reflected on the docket. In addition, your comments must be written in English. We encourage you to provide concise comments and you may attach additional documents as necessary. There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?

Go to the docket online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, keyword search MARAD-2020-0096 or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). We recommend that you periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

Will my comments be made available to the public?

Yes. Be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

May I submit comments confidentially?

If you wish to submit comments under a claim of confidentiality, you should submit three copies of your complete submission, including the information you claim to be confidential business information, to the Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, Office of Legislation and Regulations, MAR-225, W24-220, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Include a cover letter setting forth with specificity the

basis for any such claim and, if possible, a summary of your submission that can be made available to the public.

Privacy Act

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice, DOT/ALL-14 FDMS, accessible through www.dot.gov/privacy. To facilitate comment tracking and response, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. Whether or not commenters identify themselves, all timely comments will be fully considered. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact the agency for alternate submission instructions.

(Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 55103, 46 U.S.C. 12121)

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Dated: July 14, 2020.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2020-0018]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Notice and Request for Comment; Reducing the Illegal Passing of School Buses

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for public comment on a request for approval of a proposed new collection of information.

SUMMARY: NHTSA invites public comments about its intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a new collection of information. Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the OMB. Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatements of previously approved

collections. This document describes an Information Collection Request (ICR) for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 15, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket Number NHTSA–2020–0018 through any of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submissions:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, M–30, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Docket Management, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366–9322 before coming.
- *Fax:* 1–202–493–2251.

Instructions: Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number for this proposed collection of information. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy heading below.

- *Privacy Act:* Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register**, published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–78), or you may visit <http://www.dot.gov/privacy.html>.

- *Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or the street address listed above. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366–9322 before coming. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or access to background documents, contact Kristin Rosenthal, Highway Safety Specialist, Safety Countermeasures Division, Office of Research and Program Development, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey

Avenue SE, W44–213, Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Rosenthal's phone number is 202–366–8995, and her email address is Kristin.Rosenthal@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulations (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following: (i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (ii) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (iii) how to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (iv) how to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses. In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comment on the following proposed collection of information for which the agency is seeking approval from OMB:

Title: Reducing the Illegal Passing of School Buses.

OMB Control Number: New.

Form Number: 1559.

Type of Information Collection

Request: Request for approval of a new information collection.

Type of Review Requested: Regular.

Requested Expiration Date of

Approval: Three years from date of approval.

Summary of the Collection of Information: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) was established by the Highway Safety Act of 1970 to reduce deaths, injuries, and economic losses due to road traffic crashes on the Nation's highways. Even though every State has a law requiring drivers to stop for a stopped school bus displaying flashing red lights, illegal passing of stopped school buses is a frequent occurrence all across the country. Title 23 of the United States Code, Chapter 4, Section 403, gives the

Secretary authorization to use funds appropriated to conduct research and development activities, including demonstration projects and the collection and analysis of highway and motor vehicle safety data and related information needed to carry out this section. NHTSA seeks to assess the knowledge of drivers nationwide about the laws governing passing a school bus (under the specific State laws where the driver lives) as a function of varying roadway configurations, flashing yellow and red light deployment on the school bus, and activation of the stop arm on the bus. To make this assessment, NHTSA intends to conduct research that will consist of two methods of survey collection data from drivers of motor vehicles. First (Study 1), NHTSA will conduct a national survey, involving respondents who volunteer to participate through AmeriSpeak,¹ which will take place in the respondent's home or wherever the respondent chooses to operate a computer, laptop, tablet, or other mobile device they provide for screening and data collection. Second (Study 2), NHTSA will conduct community surveys that occur in two communities and will involve surveys before and after implementation of a program designed to increase driver awareness of laws governing passing a school bus. Screening and data collection for the community surveys will take place on a computer or tablet provided by the study at a public venue frequented by drivers across the socioeconomic and demographic spectra, such as a mall or motor vehicle department office. All collection of data will be anonymous. AmeriSpeak provides data to clients with an anonymous record identification number. The community survey does not collect any personal identifying data from the participant.

Study 1 will use an internet-hosted survey of a nationally representative sample of drivers to determine their knowledge of and attitudes towards laws regarding passing of stopped school buses, as well as their opinions on the safest driver behaviors when encountering a school bus on the roadway. Study 2 will be a field study in two communities with differing levels of camera enforcement of school bus passing laws to examine the effectiveness of an automated school bus camera enforcement system combined with high-visibility police

¹ AmeriSpeak, created by the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago, is a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population to take part in surveys.

enforcement and public education in reducing school bus passing violations. Survey data collection in the test communities will examine awareness of the enforcement and camera programs, driver knowledge of and attitudes towards school bus passing laws, and self-reported behavior when encountering a school bus on the roadway before and after program implementation.

Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use of the Information: NHTSA's mission is to save lives, prevent injuries, and reduce economic costs due to road traffic crashes, through education, research, safety standards and enforcement activity. The agency develops, promotes, and implements educational, enforcement, engineering, and emergency response programs with the goal of ending preventable tragedies and reducing economic costs associated with vehicle use and highway travel. Since 1991 NHTSA has supported efforts to conduct national surveys focusing on different program areas to enhance its resources in those areas. NHTSA also conducts local community surveys which have a similar focus, but also allow the agency to conduct field research and demonstration programs and evaluate changes in community knowledge, attitudes, self-reported behavior, and awareness of program efforts.

One highway safety problem NHTSA has been following closely involves school children struck by passing motorists while going to or from a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing and its stop arm extended. Even though there have been some highly-publicized child fatalities of this type and the annual national stop-arm violation count by the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS) continues to show a surprisingly high incidence of these illegal passes, to date, no national survey has assessed the levels of driver knowledge and understanding of the laws regarding passing of school buses. The findings from this proposed collection of information will assist NHTSA in designing, targeting, and implementing programs intended to mitigate illegal passing of school buses on the roadways and to provide data to States, localities, and law enforcement agencies that will aid in their efforts to reduce crashes and injuries due to illegal school bus passing.

Affected Public (Respondents): Respondents for Study 1, the national survey, will be drawn from the panelists in the AmeriSpeak panel funded and

operated by National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago. AmeriSpeak is a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population. Randomly selected U.S. households are sampled with a known, non-zero probability of selection from the NORC National Sample Frame and then contacted by U.S. mail, email, telephone, and field interviewers (face to face) to recruit panelists. AmeriSpeak panelists participate in NORC studies or studies conducted by NORC on behalf of governmental agencies, academic researchers, and media and commercial organizations. Participation in research is voluntary at the time that respondents are asked to join the panel, at the time they are asked to participate in any particular survey, and at the time they answer any given question in a survey. Respondents from the AmeriSpeak panel will be compensated for their time in accordance with their agreement with NORC.

Study 2, the community surveys (before and after program implementation in two communities), will consist of volunteer respondents who are current motor vehicle drivers, aged 18 or older. Volunteers will be recruited while they are at selected locations, such as malls or motor vehicle offices where the desired respondent population is likely to be found and will receive compensation in return for volunteering.

Estimated Number of Respondents: To obtain at least 3,000 fully completed national surveys for Study 1, it is estimated that up to 3,400 AmeriSpeak panelists will have to be screened to obtain 3,100 qualified volunteers who take the national survey (100 of these volunteers are estimated not to complete the entire survey).

For the community surveys in Study 2, NHTSA estimates that 400 volunteers will have to be screened for each wave (400 for the before-program implementation and 400 for the after-program implementation) for each of the two communities. Therefore, a total of 1,600 volunteers will have to be screened for the estimated yield of 300 completed surveys for each wave for the two communities, or 1,200 fully completed surveys.

Frequency of Collection: Respondents will only respond to the national survey request a single time during the study period. The community survey will be conducted twice at the same locations in each of the two selected communities over a period of approximately 10 months. Therefore, an extremely small possibility exists that an individual

might be invited to participate more than once for the community survey.

Estimated Time per Participant: Both the national and community surveys will be administered via an internet-hosted survey on a tablet or other small computer. The national and community surveys will have the same core items related to knowledge of and attitudes towards school bus passing laws. The community survey will have additional items about awareness of countermeasure program activities and basic respondent demographic information. Demographic information for the panelists in the national survey is part of their AmeriSpeak profile. The intent is for each participant to complete a survey only once. However, no identifying information will be collected for the community survey, so a slight possibility exists that an individual will participate more than once. The estimated average time to complete the survey per participant in either the national or community samples is 15 minutes. The screening involving (1) reading a recruitment communication, such as an email or listening to a researcher describe the study, and (2) determining an individual's eligibility (e.g., 18+ years old, current driver, lives in the community being studied) can take up to three minutes for the community surveys and two minutes for the national survey.

Total Estimated Burden Hours: It is estimated that for the 3,400 AmeriSpeak panelists that will have to be screened, the estimated total burden is 113 hours ($3,400 \times 2 \text{ min./60}$). For the 3,100 qualified volunteers who take the national survey, the estimated total burden hours is 775 hours ($3,100 \times 15 \text{ min./60}$), yielding at least 3,000 fully completed surveys. Likewise, it is estimated that the total estimated burden for the maximum of 1,600 potential participants to be screened for the community survey (400 per wave \times 2 communities \times 2 waves) is 80 hours ($1,600 \times 3 \text{ min./60}$). The estimated total burden hours for the 1,200 fully completed surveys (300 per wave \times 2 communities \times 2 waves) is 300 hours ($1,200 \times 15 \text{ min./60}$). The only cost to participants will be time spent responding to the screening and the subsequent survey if they volunteer. Participants who volunteer and begin the survey will receive compensation for this time. Table 1 provides a summary of the burden hours per survey.

Participant group	Form name	Number of responses per participant	Estimated burden per response (min.)	Number of participants	Total burden hours
National Survey	Screening	1	2	3,400	113
National Survey	Online Survey	1	15	3,100	775
Community Survey	Screening	1	3	1,600	80
Community Survey	Online Survey	1	15	1,200	300
Total	1,268

Estimated Annualized Burden Hours: 1,268 hours.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspects of this information collection, including (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; 49 CFR 1.49; and DOT Order 1351.29.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Nanda Narayanan Srinivasan,

Associate Administrator, Research and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Proceeds From Broker and Barter Exchange Transactions, Form 1099-B

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 1099-B,

Proceeds From Broker and Barter Exchange Transactions.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before September 15, 2020 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Kinna Brewington, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224. Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to LaNita Van Dyke, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224 or through the internet at Lanita.VanDyke@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Proceeds From Broker and Barter Exchange Transactions.

OMB Number: 1545-0715.

Form Number: Form 1099-B.

Abstract: Internal Revenue Code section 6045 requires the filing of an information return by brokers to report the gross proceeds from transactions and by barter exchanges to report exchanges of property or services. Form 1099-B is used to report proceeds from these transactions to the Internal Revenue Service. Current Actions: There are no changes in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations and individuals.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1,434,809,803.

Estimated Time per Response: 47 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 674,360,608.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: July 6, 2020.

Chakinna B. Clemons,

Supervisory Tax Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Taxpayer Statement Regarding Refund

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on continuing collections of information. This helps the IRS assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand the IRS's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the